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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,007,231 A, inventors Vijg et al., issued December 28, 1999;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,786,146 A, inventors Herman et al., issued July 28, 1998;
3. U.S. Patent Appln. No. 2003/068625 A1, inventors Sheehan et al., published April 10, 2003;
4. PCT International Publication No. WO 03/057909 A2, published July 17, 2003 (including English-language abstract);
5. PCT International Publication No. WO 03/054224 A2, published July 3, 2003 (including English-language abstract);
6. PCT International Publication No. WO 01/62960 A2, published August 30, 2001 (including English-language abstract);
7. PCT International Publication No. WO 01/44504 A2, published June 21, 2001;
8. PCT International Publication No. WO 00/70090 A1, published November 23, 2000;
9. PCT International Publication No. WO 00/49177 A2, published August 24, 2000;

10. PCT International Publication No. WO 98/56952 A1, published December 17, 1998;
11. Herman et al., "Methylation-specific PCR: A novel PCR assay for methylation status of CpG islands," Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 93:9821-6 (September 1996);
12. Rein et al., "Identifying 5-methylcytosine and related modifications in DNA genomes," Nucleic Acids Research, 26(10):2255-64 (1998);
13. Zeschtnigk et al., "A Single-Tube PCR Test for the Diagnosis of Angelman and Prader-Willi Syndrome Based on Allelic Methylation Differences at the SNRPN Locus," Eur. J. Hum. Genet., 5:94-8 (1997);
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17. Engels, "Contributing software to the Internet: the Amplify program," TIBS, 18:448-50 (1993); and
18. Marchesi, "Primer Design for PCR Amplification of Environmental DNA Targets," Environmental Molecular Microbiology: Protocols and Applications, Horizon Scientific Press, Wymondham, UK, 44-53 (2001).

Copies of above document nos. 1-3 are not being provided with this paper since these documents are U.S. patents or published U.S. patent applications, for which copies are not required. On the other hand, copies of above document nos. 4-18 are being provided with this paper. In addition, all of the above documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Forms PTO/SB/08A or PTO/SB/08B. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed forms.

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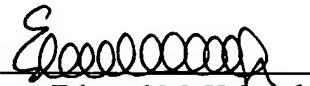
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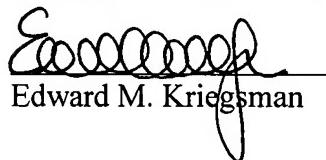
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